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## **SUPERVISOR ROMO WEST INVITES THE PUBLIC TO “THE MARCH TO KOSCIUSZKO”**

*Play about fair housing marches of 1967 marks first time live theatre  
is performed at Basilica of St. Josaphat*

**Milwaukee** - District 12 County Supervisor Peggy A. Romo West invites the public to the play “The March to Kosciuszko,” which will be performed on Saturday, November 3 at 8 p.m. at the Basilica of St. Josaphat at 2333 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St. (corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln) in Milwaukee.

Sponsored by Urban Anthropology Inc., the play is based on oral histories of the old Bronzeville and Polonia communities as well as residents’ memories of the civil rights movement in Milwaukee.

“This is an exciting piece of Kosciuszko Park and Milwaukee history brought to life at the beautiful Basilica of St. Josaphat,” said Supervisor Romo West.

The play tells the history of the turbulent times in Milwaukee in 1967, as seen through the eyes of two families, one Polish and one African-American. The events are narrated by General Thaddeus Kosciuszko, whose monument symbolizes the Polish presence on Milwaukee’s south side.

Featuring original newsreels of the march to Kosciuszko Park, this thought-provoking play challenges many commonly held ideas about race, culture and neighborhood.

At the close of the performance, two guests – Reuben Harpole, an African-American historian, and Dr. Margaret Rozga Groppi, widow of James Groppi -- will lead a discussion about the housing marches.

Tickets can be purchased for \$25 at [brownpapertickets.com/event/271935](http://brownpapertickets.com/event/271935) or [urban-anthropology.org/FairHousingPlay](http://urban-anthropology.org/FairHousingPlay)

Audience discretion is advised as the play includes ethnic and racial epithets.

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